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# Praying For Our Boys

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

"I have been brought to my knees daily by the overwhelming conviction there is nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seems insufficient for the day."

— Abraham Lincoln.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT** is the official Representative of the eternal Trinity on this earth, during the present age — the dispensation of the Church. To Him is committed the task of transacting the business of Deity. His major duties were outlined by the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament discourse of John 14:16-26.

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The Holy Spirit is omniscient and omnipresent. He often works in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform! He convicts of Sin. He leads believers into deeper works of Grace. He creates spiritual capacities for Prayer. He unfolds the Scriptures. He brings comfort to sorrowing hearts. He restrains Evil.

He prompts good people to perform acts of Kindness and Beneficence.

In preparing the way for the Holy Spirit to assume control, as Representative of the eternal Trinity during this age, Jesus said: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

## ... A PROPHETIC GLIMPSE ...

The Holy Spirit is a restraining power against the forces of evil. However, there will be a period, before Armageddon becomes history, when He will absent Himself from the affairs of men. Many do not appreciate His presence now ... but they will miss Him when He is gone!

Paul used the following language in describing the black night of coming judgment, through which God-defying, Christ-hating human beings are destined to pass:

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. ... That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure

in unrighteousness." *II Thessalonians 2:7-12.*

The word *Wicked* in the above passage is spelled with a capital "W" because it refers to a person — the Antichrist. Let it be noted that the unveiling of this demon-possessed personage, is preceded by the departure of the Holy Spirit from the world: "Only he who now letteth (hindereth) will let (hinder), until he be taken out of the way."

The brief but catastrophic reign of Antichrist will become possible only when restraint against evil is lifted. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." *Matthew 24:21.*

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." *Matthew 24:22.*

If this prophetic picture of future events is gloomy, the very fact of its gloominess should cause true Christians to try the more earnestly at this time, to cooperate with the blessed Holy Spirit. Much suffering can be alleviated by contacting the mind of God in the crisis at its present stage. The living saints — persons whose lives are yielded to Holy Spirit, will be raptured, before the full intensity of the great Tribulation is reached. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left." *Matthew 24:40-41.*

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**ALL GENUINE** prayer is dictated by the Holy Spirit. "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." *Romans 8:26.*

It is a common occurrence, these days, for Christians to relax and place themselves upon the arms of Romans 8:28. And this is, indeed, a commendable practice. But, it should be noted that Romans 8:28 is predicated upon Romans 8:26.

## ... OUR HIGHEST GOOD ...

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## The Triumph Of Christianity

Rev. Clyde F. Stark ... Lincoln, Nebraska

Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching  
as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus. Going on be-  
fore;  
Christ, the royal Master. Leads against  
the foe;  
Forward into battle. See, His banners  
go!

CHRISTIANITY is indestructible be-  
cause it is supernatural.

Jesus Christ, the Founder of the  
system, came to earth to reveal Himself  
as the Way to God, the Truth from  
God and the life of God. He said: "I  
am the way, the truth, and the life."

The Eternal Christ is responsible for  
Christianity being in the world. Our  
faith transcends human limitations. No  
scheme of persecution ever invented by  
depraved men, has permanently pre-  
vailed against the Church. Temporary  
reverses have always been followed by  
revivals and rebirths. Each time an at-  
tempt has been made to retard or ex-  
terminate Christianity, it has come back  
stronger than before. But during periods  
of attack, individual believers have  
been subjected to great suffering.

### ... SCAPEGOATS ...

It is an historical fact, deserving of  
special note at this time, that the mail-  
ed fist of persecution frequently falls  
upon Christ's Church in times of politi-  
cal transition, economic reform and re-  
volution. When human effort results in  
failure, men look for scapegoats upon  
whom to place the blame. Because  
Christians are exhorted to love their  
enemies, sadistic minds find delight in  
torturing them.

One of the most perfect examples of  
using followers of Christ as scapegoats,  
to divert attention from governmental  
shortcomings, is found in the dastardly  
crimes of Diocletian who ruled the Ro-  
man Empire 284 to 305 A. D. We will  
see presently that his deeds compare

favorably with the torture of God's  
saints in Russia, and other places, dur-  
ing the last quarter of a century. If it  
can be shown that forces similar to  
those of Diocletian's time are moving  
in the civilized world today, Christians  
more than any other group will find the  
disclosure to be a matter of special con-  
cern.

In considering the unfriendly attitude  
of Diocletian toward the Church, we  
are reminded of the occasion when our  
Lord came face to face with another  
Roman ruler — Pontius Pilate. Jesus  
told him He was born into this world  
to take to Himself a kingdom. But, said  
He, "My kingdom is not of this world."  
However, "Everyone that is of the  
truth heareth my voice." To the ques-  
tion of Pilate, "Art thou a king, then?"  
Jesus replied, "Thou sayest that I am  
a king. To this end was I born, and  
for this cause came I into the world,  
that I should bear witness unto the  
truth." Pilate responded by asking Je-  
sus, "What is truth?"

### ... MUST FACE CHRIST ...

The Founder of Christianity is truth.  
The Book from God is truth. Christ is  
eternal. The Bible deals with verities  
that are eternal. The gates of hell can-  
not prevail against them, to their de-  
struction. Jesus Christ declares: "Heav-  
en and earth shall pass away; but my  
words shall not pass away." The Word  
of God shall stand forever, despite all  
that wicked men can do! It is within  
the power of men to establish religions  
on this earth, and it is in their power  
to destroy religion; but Christianity  
never.

When human beings strike at Chris-  
tianity, they strike at God and His  
Anointed. It is a dangerous thing to  
lift the fist against God. Through the  
centuries, Christianity has been perse-  
cuted, but thanks be unto God, never

destroyed. It will eventually triumph  
over its enemies. The founders of other  
religions are in their graves, but Jesus  
Christ the Founder of Christianity, is  
seated at the right hand of the Majesty  
on high, never to taste of death again.

Men in all walks of life will be called  
upon to face the Founder of Christian-  
ity. Pilate faced Him, heard His graci-  
ous words, and declared there was no  
fault in Him. But he consented to  
Christ's death on a Roman cross.

The leaders of Israel heard His gra-  
cious words and witnessed His tender  
ministry. But they condemned Him to  
death. Yes, He died, but three days  
later God raised Him from the tomb.  
Both Jew and Gentile are responsible  
for shedding the blood of His only  
begotten Son. Because God raised Him  
from the dead, all men are called to  
meet God's Son, either as Saviour or  
Judge.

### ... FRAIL, FOOLISH MEN ...

Persecution struck at Christianity's  
Founder. He died, His body was laid in  
a rich man's tomb. It was sealed with  
a Roman seal, and surrounded by Ro-  
man soldiers. But within seventy two  
hours, angelic messengers were an-  
nouncing to those who came to the  
tomb, "He is not here, but is risen ...  
remember how He spake unto you when  
He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son  
of man must be delivered into the  
hands of sinful men, and be crucified  
and the third day rise again."

How utterly foolish for frail men,  
insipid humans, even leaders of nations,  
to try to interfere with the program  
of Almighty God! They only set in  
motion forces that will sweep back  
upon themselves, in terms of judgment  
and suffering, like a mighty Niagara.  
They will find that it is a terrible thing  
to fall into the hands of an angry God.

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Christianity makes its appeal to the individual heart. Anyone who believes that God raised Christ from the dead, dying, as He did, for the sins of mankind, shall be saved. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him."

## ... CHRISTIANS NOT INFERIOR ...

The Roman Empire was ruling supreme at the time of our Lord's visitation to this earth. Its Caesars, Kings and Governors held the scepter of power wherever civilization had pushed back the frontiers of heathendom. Roman imperialism was at its zenith when Jesus Christ began planting Christianity in the hearts of men.

Ten persecutions were waged within the Empire for the purpose of destroying the Christian testimony. These persecutions began with Nero and closed with Diocletian. They were bloody and destructive with regard to taking human life. It is difficult to understand how people could have been stampeded into such acts of violence and cruelty, against other members of the human race. No crime, however revolting, could seemingly satisfy the consuming desire to spill Christian blood. Nero and Diocletian, twin monsters of hate, inaugurated and closed the reign of terror.

But far from exterminating the Cause of Christ, the Gospel message swept on like a prairie fire. Take heed, you, who would launch pogroms against Christianity in the twentieth century: Mightier men than you have tried the same thing, only to fail, pass off the scenes, and make their beds in Hell — while the army of the Lord has marched on! The ability of Christians to stand punishment proves that they are not weak, and soft, and inferior.

## ... POLITICS AND PERSECUTION ...

We shall pause now to reflect upon

the particular persecution of Christians during the reign of Diocletian. As previously stated, this ruler was Emperor of the Roman Empire from 284 to 305 A. D. History shows that the Empire was on the verge of a great crisis when he took the throne, and that vigorous action of some kind had to be taken. His rise to power was accompanied with the reorganization of the governmental machinery. He was quick to set in motion a large number of social and political reforms.

The Encyclopedia Britannica gives us the following information: "Under Diocletian the Senate became a political nonentity." "The last traces of Republican institutions disappeared and were replaced by an absolute monarchy." "His first work was the reform of the administration of the Empire." "The titular supremacy of the state disappears, and a uniform system of administration comes into play throughout the Empire." "Beginning with Diocletian, local autonomy gradually disappears and the Empire is administered by a huge bureaucracy entirely dependent upon the Emperor."

"The Empire was sick of civil war and continual insecurity, and Diocletian and his successors saved it at the price of practically destroying its economic and political life. The old, regular system of taxation was abolished, and a simplified but inelastic system substituted, which was really a systematization of the practice of exacting forced contributions of produce and labor based on acreage, which resulted in the country people being compulsorily tied to their land. The responsibility for the city taxes was put on the members of municipal councils.

"In the military sphere Diocletian only laid the foundations of the new system which was the work of Constantine, but he took the first steps by largely increasing the army. His attempted stabilization of prices was a failure. In addition, he adorned the city with numerous buildings, such as the Thermæ, of which extensive remains are still standing. Diocletian and



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Constantine sacrificed the interest of the people to the preservation of the State."

## ... SUFFERING SAINTS ...

We shall continue to quote from the same source: "The Edict of Constantine, an imperial edict (A. D. 301), fixed the maximum price for provisions and other articles, and a maximum rate of wages. The articles mentioned in the edict include cereals, wine, oil, meat, vegetables, fruit, skins, leather, furs, foot-gear, timber, carpets, and articles of dress; and the wages range from those of the ordinary laborer to those of the professional advocate. The punishment for exceeding the prices fixed was death or deportation. The actual effect was disastrous and the edict soon fell into abeyance."

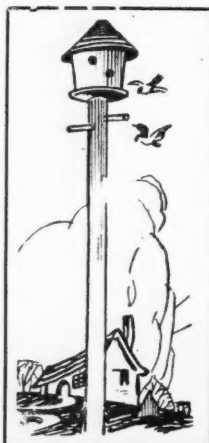
I now suggest that you go back and read the above quotations again and again. *Ponder them in the light of social reforms occurring in our day and generation.* If Diocletian were alive today, his rigid domination of human life, through instruments of economic and political control, would pass as Communism, Nazism, or Fascism.

It was when Diocletian completed his economic and social reforms that he moved to interfere with Christianity. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica: "The end of Diocletian's reign was memorable for the persecution of Christians. The Church as an independent state appeared to be a standing menace to his authority." In Mr. Lord's "Beacon Lights of History," we learn that the last great act of Diocletian was, "An unrelenting and desperate persecution of Christians, and this was so severe and universal that it seemed to be successful."

He ordered sacred writings destroyed, churches torn down, and Christians tortured. He knew that permitting the worship of God according to the teachings of Jesus, would interfere with his despotic dictator form of government. When men are allowed to usurp too much power, they invariably invade the sacred precincts of religious liberty.

## ... CATACOMBS ...

It is a matter of record that the only accusation hurled at Daniel in the old Medo-Persian court, that would stand against him, was the fact that in spite of pressure to the contrary, he persisted in worshipping the God of Heaven,



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while refusing to bow to golden images and Persian deities. It was on this count alone that the King consigned him to the lion's den. But we know what Daniel's God did for him! And He is the same God who plants the seeds of Christian truth in the hearts of men and women today.

Compton's Encyclopedia says: "In order to make one of these Roman holidays brimful of thrills and excitement, hungry lions would be let loose upon the Christians. The death cries of these people could be heard amidst the cheering throngs." Persecuted Christians were driven into underground passage-ways, called catacombs, in Rome, to worship and live among tombs of the dead.

But now, for over fifteen centuries, Rome has been in ruins, while the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has moved steadily forward. Faithful Christians will continue to proclaim it at any cost. Let our tormentors of the twentieth century be warned that from the prophecies we have learned of a time, during the closing scenes of this age, when the living saints will be raptured out of the most terrible Christian pogrom in the history of the Church. Jesus Christ will take His Bride out of the world. "The one shall be taken, and the other left."

Some nations in our generation are seeing the heavy hand of persecution upon Christians, and it may be that our own Country will witness such deeds of cruelty, before God is through dealing with it. An old fashioned, Heaven sent, poured out awakening by the Holy Spirit, will do much to stave off the blow.

#### ... HISTORICAL RECORD ...

Let us notice the effect that persecution had upon the early Christians. For never let it be forgotten that while suffering is tragic, it is not without its advantages. The following paragraphs are taken from "Beacon Lights of History:"

"The martyrs cheerfully and heroically endured physical sufferings in view of the glorious crown of which they were assured in the future world. They lived in the firm conviction of immortality, and that eternal happiness was connected indissolubly with their courage, intrepidity and patience in bearing testimony to the divine charac-

ter and mission of Him, who had shed blood for the remission of sin. No sufferings were of any account in comparison with those of Him who had died for them.

"Filled with transports of love for the divine Redeemer, who had rescued them from the despair of Paganism, and bound them with ties of supreme allegiance to Him as Conqueror and Saviour of the world, they were ready to meet death in any form for His sake.

"They had become, by professing Him as their Lord and Sovereign, soldiers of the Cross, ready to endure any sacrifices for His sacred cause. Thus enthusiasm was kindled in a despairing and unbelieving world. And probably the world never saw, in any age, such devotion and zeal for an invisible power.

"It was animated by the hope of a glorious immortality, of which Christianity alone, of all ancient religions, inspired a firm conviction. In this future existence were victory and blessedness everlasting, not to be had unless one were faithful unto death. This sublime faith, this glorious assurance of future happiness, this devotion to an unseen King made a strong impression upon those who witnessed the physical torments which the sufferers bore with unspeakable triumph.

"The noble attestation of faith in Jesus did perhaps more than any theological teachings, towards the conversion of men to Christianity. And persecution and isolation bound the Christians together in the bonds of love and harmony, and kept them from the temptations of life. *They were in the world, but not of the world.*

"They were the precious salt to preserve what was worth preserving in a rapidly dissolving Empire. They formed a new power which would be triumphant amid the universal destruction of old institutions; for the soul would be saved; and Christianity taught that the soul was everything; that nothing could be given in exchange for it. 'What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?'

"The characteristic vices of the pagan world were unchastity and fondness for the pleasures of the table. To

these were added the lesser vices of display and ornaments in dress. From these the Christian fled as fatal enemies to his spiritual elevation."

#### ... CHRISTIAN LEADERS NEEDED ...

One historian says: "Diocletian had no sooner retired from the government of Rome (305 A. D.), than the Christian faith he supposed had been

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suppressed forever, sprang up with new force and defied any future attempt to crush it."

How useless for men in any generation to undertake to purge Christianity from the earth! Survival in the face of ten persecutions in the first three hundred years, should be sufficient evidence to prove to the strongest and

weakest minds, that any attempt to suppress Christ's cause is as futile as to try to cover the ocean with a tablecloth.

God help leaders of government to observe the admonition of one of the greatest kings ever to grace a throne on this earth: "Be wise, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way,

when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." (Psalm 2).

Our American coinage bears the inscription, "In God We Trust." As Americans, let us permit God to inscribe these words on the tablets of our hearts. Yes, Christianity will survive every onslaught. It will triumph in the end. It is from Heaven, and the eternal God is its Author, Founder and Giver.

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Abridged Radio Address By Gerald L. K. Smith ... Detroit, Michigan

THE SAGES of old said "Knowledge is power." A verse in the Bible says "The wisdom of man is foolishness with God." There is no human wisdom at this hour that can solve America's problems. No one man, no ten men, have in their minds the understanding necessary to meet the crisis of this mid-night hour.

Wisdom, like water, springs from a source. Man cannot create wisdom. He can only discover the source of wisdom. Tonight, America faces her crisis. When history tells the full story of what General MacArthur and his men have passed through, it is likely to be the most dynamic, tragic, and yet heroic episode since Valley Forge. . . .

Australians seem more like our own than any other people on earth. The wild west atmosphere is in Australia. The rugged individualism of the middle-westerner is there. In the last war our boys understood the Australians better than soldiers of any other ally. Prime Minister Curtin of Australia, in a tone that almost rebukes his mother England, reminds America that but for our help Australia will fall to the brown savages of the Orient.

Rioting partisans render the politics and statesmanship of certain South American nations almost chaotic. The Argentine seems to be pro-German.

Brazil is pro-American. This great undeveloped continent, which has been referred to as the Continent of Tomorrow, leans heavily on our broad shoulders tonight. The islands of the sea are imperiled — the Canaries, the Cape Verde, and the African coast, including Dakar. No one knows what night these areas may either fall into the hands of, or be threatened by, an enemy.

Ship sinkings on our Atlantic Coast have been so serious that our domestic supply of gasoline, sugar, oil, and coffee is imperiled. The sea lanes to Britain are menaced by the serpents of the sea, as Axis submarines imperil every merchant ship and every Atlantic convoy.

The military strategy of Europe is chaotic. No one knows where Hitler will strike next. He may move through Turkey in an attempt to meet the Japanese in India. He may move through Spain, Gibraltar, Africa. He may attack the British Isles, using Norway as a spring-board, while cutting off the supply line to Russia. India, the land of the mystic, the fakir, has now become in the eyes of many the balance of power in world strategy.

A dispatch out of London quoting the *London Herald* refers to rumors of a peace between Stalin and Hitler. A friend of mine, freshly returned from India, says that 70 per cent of the poli-

tical leaders under forty years of age in India are Communists. Certain British statesmen insist that there is no such thing as East Indian independence without a civil war. Seventy-five million Hindus in India threaten revolt, if independence is given, while three hundred million others threaten revolt if independence is not given. While General Wavel and his imperial troops, in cooperation with American troops, fight the battle of their lives in Burma, Burmese natives join the Japs under the slogan "Asia for the Asiatics."

Secretary Knox in an interview says that Hitler is our chief foe. This arouses the Chinese. One of their statesmen responds by saying, "If this is the psychology of American strategy, there is no purpose in our continuing the fight." Secretary Knox hastens to withdraw his remarks while the President grants another \$500,000,000 to China to demonstrate the sincerity of Colonel Knox's withdrawal.

Some students of military science insist that Japan will attempt an invasion through Alaska, or that the Japs will make a new attack on the Hawaiian Islands. Some insist that we should concentrate our strength in Australia. Others favor a bold, mighty, direct attack on Tokio led by MacArthur. Others insist that we should risk our all on the British Isles and, in harmony

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Thus, the whole world looks to America tonight. They want our food; they want our money; they want our men. The flood gates of world hate have been opened, the volcanic eruptions of Hell pour out their lava upon the world.

America is faced with the problem of rushing out to meet these oncoming floods with whatever instruments and material she considers necessary to dam up, and curb and halt, these ruthless horsemen which ride out of the blazing horizon to bring us death, famine, pestilence.

Ladies and Gentlemen: consider this review which I have just given you. Do you know of any human being, wise enough to meet these problems with the understanding, with the decisions and with the plans necessary to solve them? And I haven't touched the domestic problem.

The chaos of this crisis is beyond us all. We are in the lap of God. We must turn now to the only source of wisdom, the only real source of wisdom the world has ever known—Christ. The path which lies before us is strewn with bodies of the dead, haunted by the shrieks of poverty, silenced by the great pain of sacrifice. There is no one wise enough to lead us through this valley and down this death-destined road but Christ. That is why this vast crusade, the Committee of One Million with more than three million constituents, has accepted as its slogan "Christ First in America."

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**THERE IS** a growing conviction among statesmen and patriots in America that the foundation of all true patriotism is the ethics and teachings of Christ. *The black cloud of pagan tyranny has fallen over Europe.* It is agreed by all expert observers that within a few days, and at most a few weeks, flood rivers of human blood will

flow on the European battle fields. It is assumed that at least five million men will be slaughtered between now and September 1. Many of them Americans.

Today, we Americans face Gethsemane. No man can calculate the pain that lies before us. We hold the conviction that the one dynamic, eternal force that can keep America, American, is the name and person and radiant influence of the resurrected Christ.

Recently, a committee of men and women, mostly Communists, met in New York City and agreed on a strategy which they propose to follow. The purpose of that strategy, I am informed, is the annihilation, the elimination, the destruction of the Christ-First magazine, "The Cross and The Flag," of which I am Editor.

Why is there in this world such deadly animosity for the name of Christ? There stood Jesus before Pilate. He was kind and gentle, He had healed the sick, He had fed the hungry, He had ministered to the poor—but when He was brought before Judge Pilate, the hoarse and howling mob cried out for a taste of his blood. "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" they yelled. Pilate ordered that He be scourged, whipped—but even the show of blood upon His back did not satisfy the sadistic mob of Hell. They could be satisfied with nothing but crucifixion, death on the cross.

So, down through the centuries, the Satanic sons and heirs of Beelzebub have continued to cry, "Crucify! Crucify!" whenever the name of Christ is mentioned.

Oh, they don't mind when they think we don't mean it. The enemies of Christ and the enemies of America love hypocrisy, and they love the works of people who call themselves Christians but never mean it—but, when warm-blooded crusading patriots cry out, "Christ First, Christ First in America," and they know we mean it, then every deadly potion, every drop of poison nectar that can be produced, every lie that can be hatched, every smear campaign that can be organized is released in an attempt to destroy us.

Well, we say to you who hate our words and the cause for which we stand,—"You can crucify us, but you cannot kill us." Every drop of a Christian's blood contains a thousand seeds which always grow.

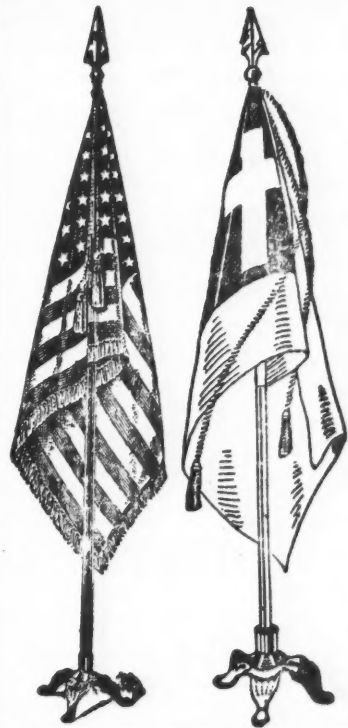
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## Moratorium On Drunken Driving

By The Business Men's Research Foundation . . . Chicago

**DEATH** IS stalking the highways of America. 109 men, women, children killed every day of 1941!

90 killed every 24 hours during the past 107 months since repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment!

In at least one in five of these — many records run higher, even up to six in ten — liquor was involved.

In how many others, the drinker is the hidden menace, reports do not reveal.

But, check the following "common

variety" of motorists' violations of highway rules:

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On wrong side of road  
Did not have right of way  
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Passing standing street car  
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Improper turn  
Leaving scene of accident  
Other reckless driving

In how many of these might not a "cocktail," a "highball," or a beer too many, have been the slight but tragic factor that made the accident inevitable.

For every known accident in which liquor plays a destructive part, there may be several times over as many accidents in which its use was concealed or ignored, because one of the above violations was more immediately in evidence.

Last year an average of 95.73 more deaths every seven days than in 1940!

At least 19 more drink-caused tragedies every week than in the preceding 12 months!

This record does not chime with national defense. Instead, it is piling up casualties, at a faster rate almost

### A Man Who Boozes

O how well do I remember.  
It was late in last December,  
I was walking down the street in manly  
pride,  
When my heart began to flutter,  
And I fell into the gutter;  
A hog came by, and lay down by my  
side.

While we lay there in the puddle,  
With my mind all in a muddle,  
A lady, passing by, was heard to say:  
"You can tell a man who boozes  
By the company he chooses."  
The hog got up and quickly walked  
away.



than Mars himself is doing it at the front.

For, remember, every fatal traffic accident means 35 other non-fatal accidents — a total of 1,440,000 fatal and non-fatal casualties on American highways for the last 12 months. "110,000 of these non-fatal injuries were permanent disabilities," says *Public Safety Magazine*.

The direct economic loss resulting from these traffic accidents are estimated at \$1,800,000,000, says W. G. Johnson, Chief Statistician of National Safety Council, in *Public Safety Magazine*, for February 1942.

The American Business Men's Foundation believes it is time to keep the drinking driver off the road.

A moratorium on drunken drivers "for the duration" seems the very least that we can do. Whatever the liquor problem may be in the home, in industry, in social life, there is but one solution so far as traffic safety is concerned. No liquor for the drinker when he drives!

The red light on the street corner cannot stop them, but enlightened, organized public sentiment CAN AND MUST. If necessary, ban the drink seller from the Nation's highways. At least the neon signs and the billboards of the brewer and the whisky maker! Every liquor advertisement along the highways is an invitation to disaster. Every neon tube that lures the attention of the driver who drinks is a threat

to public safety.

Let us tell the truth about alcohol to every motorist. In fact, to every man, woman and youth who use the city streets and the Nation's highways. Let the people know the facts about alcohol, more than ever before.

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"There is no disease in the world for which alcohol is cure." Dr. Howard A. Kelly.

"I never use liquor. I am more afraid of it than of Yankee bullets." Stonewall Jackson.

"Alcohol is always a narcotic, never a stimulant, and therefore has none of the uses ordinarily attributed to it." Dr. Richard C. Cabot.

"We are fighting Germany, Austria, and strong drink, and the greatest of these is strong drink," said David Lloyd George during the first World War.

"Liquor will undermine boys; rob them; clean them out. That's why I am against it." Fielding Yost.

"If you expect to stay in the game, leave alcohol alone. It gets you sooner or later." Walter Johnson.

"I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine." Thomas A. Edison.

"My experience through life has convinced me that abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard to

morals and health." Robert E. Lee.

"The only use I have for alcohol is for rubbing my body before I run. I have never used, nor do I intend to use alcoholic beverages." Jesse Owens.

"Alcoholism is the greatest public health problem at the present time which is not being systematically attacked. There are over 100,000 sufferers in the United States." Dr. Winfred Overholser.

"Our soldiers were drunk and could not fight. Since the victory of the World War, the spirit of pleasure, of riotous living and drinking has prevailed over the spirit of sacrifice," says General Petain of France.

"You can get along with a wooden leg but you can't get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor." Dr. Charles Mayo.

"I may mention that my sons who are now in the army in France write me most strongly (just as General Pershing has expressed his public opinion unstintingly) as to the harm done to the men of the army by permitting the sale of liquor to them, stating that they believe in absolute Prohibition for the army in war time — and one of them adding that this experience has made a permanent Prohibitionist of him," said Theodore Roosevelt, during the first World War.

## The Potential Power Of Pictures

Evangelist James A. DeWeerd . . . Fairmont, Indiana

ABOUT all the average American can tell you of his favorite movie star has been stated in the following couplet:

*Twinkle, twinkle, movie star,  
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The rank influence of Hollywood upon the American public has been setting the pace of divorce and remarriage,

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holding up as a standard the rotten lives of the people who make the "emotion" pictures. The next effect has been the way in which the motion picture industry has subtly lowered the people's appreciation for the good the beautiful, and the true. One theater operator told me that he could not bring a decent picture to town and make it pay. He stated that the way in which the people clamored for flesh, he had a notion to turn his place into

a meat market. This appetite has been created by money magnets for a purpose.

That motion pictures and visual education have been greatly beneficial to industry, science, health instruction, news events, and some religious work is an indisputable fact. The photography of motion pictures, the dramatic art, and

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the skillful talent in movies is not only interesting, but fascinating. However good and legitimate all this is, there must be exposed some most distressing factors that have caused the theater to become a place of destruction, sordidness, and moral detriment in America.

Instead of magnifying virtue, things beyond reproach, the motion pictures produce such films as "Strictly Dishonorable," "Roadhouse Nights," "Her Unborn Child," "Fast Life," which like hundreds of others are saturated with nudity and attempts to justify adultery. Whenever a good book or narrative is dramatized, it undergoes such complete changes that it can hardly be recognized. Conrad's book "Victory" became "The Flesh of Eve," Bailey's "Half an Hour" was transformed to "The Doctor's Secret" — likewise there are many other volumes which have been distorted by scenario writers. Consequently, the lie that the theater is a place of education because books are made simple when put upon the screen, is not a dependable argument in its favor.

Criminal incentives of modern movies are atrocious; often twenty million people at the movies in the United States every night are seeing underworld vice, feeling gangland thrills, hearing obscenity and profanity, viewing bloodshed and brutality, banditry and beastly acts, and absorbing evil from the love scenes of perverted romance.

Reaches of Dr. Pitkin show that one minute before the screen excites more than one week of reading from crime literature. Furthermore, he estimates that thirty-seven million people get more knowledge of crime at the movie than they would with one week of patient study under a gangster like Al Capone.

To recite the numerous juvenile crimes as well as other outrages from

the influence of the movies would be impossible. What else can be expected when about fourteen million children between the ages of six and twelve can go without restraint to a place where crime and sex is injected intentionally into the film. Many times if the main feature being portrayed is all right, one has to wade up to his neck in filth to see it, because additional comedy or feature contains sinful indulgences which are pictured as admirable and heroic. Millions of people who are illiterates and even feeble minded, unable to read, can earn a few cents to see a blood curdling and sensuous show. In certain communities, it has become unsafe to set out milk bottles, because of children stealing them to exchange for money to see a motion picture.

Ordinarily we say that one and two make three, but in this particular field one and two make five. A person remembers one tenth of all he hears, two tenths of what he sees, but five tenths if he both hears and sees it. Therefore it follows that the modern "talking picture" which permits both the eye-gate and the ear-gate to see and hear, produces a profound effect upon the impressionable child. The present generation has been described as one of "movie made children." The Payne Council has shown that a loss of three hours' sleep for as long as even four nights afterwards has been the result of seeing a film.

Even good books, such as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" have had a serious effect because the child has not reached a period of emotional control nor a mental state to discern between the make-believe and the real. About fourteen million children under twelve years of age go to shows. They imitate the bad as well as the good. Space and time keep us from telling of the thugs produced, and of boys in reformatories, because of the movies.

Many efforts have been made to clean up motion pictures. The Catholic Church

has done much to lead the way, but usually the pictures which they censure are just the ones their communicants want to see. No Minister is a fit guide to tell his congregation what they should see and what picture they should not see. It is true that the Catholic Priest is usually treated with respect when flashed on the film. When dignity is expressed in the presentation of a marriage ceremony, the clergyman is usually a Presbyterian because of the influence of Will Hays. But whenever a Protestant clergyman of the average type is presented, it is the role of a joke and he usually becomes a hiss and a by-word.

This record should bring remorse to our people. Some nations have outlawed films coming from Hollywood. Bell, the Governor of the native tribes for England, denounces American films as disgraceful and demoralizing to the dark continent and destructive to the prestige of the white man.

It is common knowledge that the control of the motion picture industry is in the hands of international capitalists who are attempting to weaken and undermine Western civilization. Dr. Twombly says that even the infidel nation of Turkey prohibits children under fifteen from attending movies, in order to protect them from the demoralizing tendencies of American film-life. How long Christian people will tolerate these deplorable influences is a question of timely import.

The worst havoc wrought lies in the stirring of the emotions without furnishing a proper outlet. Excitement is good or bad, according to the physical reactions it produces. Our hope is that people will turn to Christ who will give them a double feature show, picturing first their sins, then showing the way to get rid of them.

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# Relation of Time and Space to Eternity

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A **WRONG** interpretation of some original Scripture word or phrase, when followed out into its various streams of thought, may bring one to an entirely wrong conclusion, a deduction never intended by its author.

To guard against this, Peter declares: "No prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation." We take Peter's admonition to mean that all Scriptural statements, on a given topic, are to be assembled and studied jointly before reaching definite conclusions.

It is necessary to have a basic knowledge of the underlying truths of the Bible, if one is to arrive at a proper understanding of God's plan for the human race. Hebrews 11:6 makes this plain: "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

If we are to examine the profound subject suggested in the title to this article, it is important that we turn our thoughts toward the Supreme Being and meditate upon His personality and habitation, as well as the conditions that surround Him.

## . . . THE GREAT I AM . . .

Who is He? The realities of His personality are so vast that our language is strained to the utmost, in even trying to convey a glimpse of His glory. When Moses asked Jehovah to tell him, who he should say sent him, at the time he was instructed to enter Pharaoh's court, the reply came: "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

"Who only hath immortality, dwelling in light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen, nor can see." I Tim. 6:16. "No man

hath seen God at any time." John 1:18. From these references I learn that the Almighty does not say that He was nor *will be*, but He *is*! I AM, not past or future, but *all present*.

God "only hath immortality." Then man, by physical birth, is not immortal, but subject to death, as declared in Genesis 3:22: "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden."

We read again of this tree of life after the new heaven and new earth have come into existence, the first earth having fled away. They who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, becoming recipients of eternal life through spiritual birth, enjoy the right to eat thereof, as indicated in Revelation 22:2, 14.

## . . . ETERNITY IS REAL . . .

We may secure additional light by studying about the dwelling place of God. "The high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place." Isa. 57:15. Here we are faced with the absence of what we call the *flow of duration*. God declared He is I AM, and inhabiteth eternity; not *did inhabit*, nor *will inhabit*, but *inhabits*.

The thought of the flow of the stream of duration, cannot be found in the term "inhabiteth." Let it be noted also, that the word "eternity" occurs but this one time in the entire Bible, and from the meaning of "inhabiteth," we must take into account the element of time and space (distance). The word "duration" is not a Bible term, but in its place the word "space" is used, with the double meaning of either time or distance.

For example: "The space of three years," Acts 20:31. Here, as in many other places, space means time.

"A great space being between them," I Samuel 26:13. David was on a mountain top, and there was a great space between him and Saul. This space is distance, not time.

Therefore if the I AM inhabiteth eternity and "*inhabiteth*" means to dwell in, to occupy continuously, it necessarily includes both duration and expanse, or the space of both. Inhabiteth is *an ever present* in both duration and expanse (distance).

God's presence and power cannot be computed in material terms and according to physical measurements. To think His thoughts and fellowship His presence, we must transcend human limitations and so develop our spiritual capacities as to get above things purely mundane. This place of *spiritual realization* is attained by coming into possession of a new mind, "the mind of Christ." I Cor. 2:16.

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Thus contacting the Holy Spirit, the things of God are spiritually discerned. The spiritually illuminated soul comes to "know the mind of the spirit." Rom. 8:27. And so, meditating upon the attributes of God brings us to understand the ABSOLUTE REALITY of things spiritual.

### ... TIME A MERE SPECK ...

"I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done." Isaiah 46:9-10.

"Be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." II Peter 3:8.

This certainly does not carry the thought of past or future in eternity; it is all an unmeasured NOW. What we call *time* is but a relative term used to denote a mere speck, a small phase of eternity, localized between two given points. The fact that humans have the capacity to think such thoughts as these — thoughts that relate to eternity, proves that there is an eternnity.

"Where is the way where light dwelleth? That thou shouldst take it to the bound thereof?" Job 38:19-20.

"The foundations of the earth? who hath laid the measure thereof? or who hath stretched the line upon it?" Job 38:4-5.

I find in none of this a hint of the stream of time, nor the ebb and flow of expanse. Therefore when the terms indicating a measure of either branch of eternity's space — duration or expanse, are used, they must refer to earthly conditions. Their use is but a struggle to bring the facts of eternity within the range of human speech.

### ... LITTLE, YET GREAT ...

How hard we try to comprehend the vastness of eternity. We are aware of the appearance of light from stars so

far away, that we attempt to measure their distance by what we call light years, or the time, in terms of years required for light to reach us, traveling at its tremendous speed.

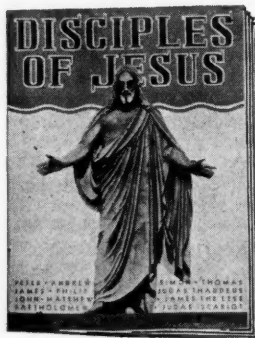
However, we have accomplished one thing: we have thrown our net into the ocean of eternity and brought back a realization of duration and expanse. We stretch our measuring rods upon the tiny pieces caught in our mental net, and call the result hours, days, years or centuries. The expanse we call feet, yards and miles. These measurements, compared with the spread of earth's time and distance, overwhelm us in the knowledge of earth's littleness.

Thereafter, our world appears as a small island, located in the vast ocean of God. We realize that the terms we use to describe it, can never be stretched to include the real truth of eternity. Paul learned that eternity is jealous of her secrets: "I knew such a man, that was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." II Cor. 12:3-4.

When inclined to be discouraged because of our littleness, we may congratulate ourselves however that God is interested in us, having given man dominion over the earth, and invited him to search out its truths and command its powers. So we need not be lonely or depressed, for the eternal God is our refuge.

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the thought of the immensity of eternity. "When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor."

With Paul we exclaim, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out."

### ... BEGINNING OF TIME ...

That part of eternity's duration which embraces the period from creation to the end of the earth, is spoken of as eternal, everlasting, forever. Earth's circuit around the sun, we call a year; its rotation on its axis is a day, which we divide into hours. These measurements we call *time* appear to have begun with the creation of the earth, and will end with the ending of the earth.

The term is used in Scripture in connection with matters relating to the earth, except in certain instances, as indicated in the following passages: "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." Eph. 1:4.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:1,5.

"His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus, before the world began." II Tim. 1:9.

Thus it is seen that time, and times eternal, began at the foundation of the world. There the ocean of eternity breaks upon the beach of this world, and duration, as measured from that

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point, is called time.

There is a beginning of the world, and with it the beginning of time. There is to be an end of the world, and with it the end of time — not the end of duration. "I am God, declaring the end from the beginning." Isa. 46:10.

### ... MAN IS INDESTRUCTIBLE ...

This beginning and end certainly does not refer to eternity, for eternity had no beginning and will have no end. It refers to the earth alone.

"The harvest is the end of the world." Matt. 13:39. "Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father." I Cor. 15:24.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." I Cor. 15:26.

"And death and hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Rev. 20:14.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Rev. 21:1.

This most certainly is the end of all

things earthly and with it the end of time, or measured duration. The tiny drop of water called time, dissolves in the ocean of eternity.

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." Rev. 22:5.

"I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always, even to the end." Ps. 119:112.

Forever lasts only to the end. The Bible describes the end so completely that there can be no mistake about it. Christ delivers up the kingdom to the Father, a thousand years after the saints come forth at the first resurrection. Details regarding the final consummation are recorded in the book of Revelation, Chapter 20.

Now, the real purpose of God in creating an earth was to provide a place for man to be schooled, and prepared for blissful fellowship with the Creator. Man, redeemed in Christ, restored as a member of the "new creation" is not subject to the second death; for of him it is said: "That being justified by his

grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7.

For this mortal must put on immortality." I Cor. 15:53.

The human personality is indestructible. How this life, a short period called time, bracketed between the beginning and the ending — out of this narrow circumscribed area, man makes his journey into a bigger, better world. Man will never cease to exist. It is an intelligent question: **WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?**

Because of sin "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," but "The creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Rom. 8:22, 19. Soon the mission of the earth will be accomplished and the call will sound, "Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven." Rev. 21:9-10.

## Niemoeller, A Symbol Of Christian Heroism

### ... Review Of A New Revell Book ...

"PERSECUTION" is an ugly word.

But no other term adequately describes the sorrowful experiences of Christian believers who are compelled to live under dictatorship. It never fails! ... When one man succeeds in usurping the powers of government, his system invariably invades the realm of religious liberty.

The incarceration of Rev. Martin Niemoeller in a German concentration camp, an event publicized throughout the English-speaking world, symbolizes the struggle of all Christians residing in Communist, Fascist and Nazi countries.

Even making allowance for the fact that propaganda is frequently mixed with news in time of war, credence must be attached to reports currently circulated regarding the suffering of Christ's followers in lands dominated by red,

black and brown totalitarianism.

Like the red horse of the Apocalypse galloping across the world's horizon, the crimson steed of Bolshevism launched a whirlwind assault upon Christianity twenty five years ago, the like of which had never been known in human history. Seeds of atheistic destructionism are now planted throughout the earth, bringing forth a harvest of hate.

From the loins of Bolshevism, sprang the black beast of Fascism, guilty of atrocious crimes against Christians which compare favorably with the dastardly deeds of Roman Caesars in centuries past, including the bloodthirsty Nero. Nazism, sired by both Bolshevism and Fascism, seeks control of Church organizations for promoting its objectives, and brooks no interference on the part of either the Roman Catholic or Protestant clergy.

Pastor Niemoeller languishes in a concentration camp ... and a recent issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, a Catholic publication, also mentions, "Father Mayer, a Jesuit priest, a fellow prisoner of Pastor Niemoeller, the Lutheran minister patriot."

A press dispatch from Geneva says: "Several leading churchmen have been arrested in Holland following protests by Dutch Protestant leaders against attempts on the part of Nazi authori-

ties to gain control of the nation's Christian schools."

The Religious News Service, reporting on conditions in Spain, says: "All of the Spanish Protestant churches, with the exception of those in Madrid and Seville, have been closed, the International Christian Press and information Service announces. Bible stocks at Madrid have been burned, and in the country the prohibition of the Bible is carried to the extent of confiscating copies owned by individuals.

"A certain number of pastors have had to leave the country to escape persecution; others are being persecuted more or less openly. Not only the pastors, but also the members of the various Spanish Protestant Churches are undergoing persecution."

Meanwhile, the torture of Russian Christians continues unabated. It is learned from authentic sources, that

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red soldiers, retreating under attack of German invaders, have adopted the practice of slaughtering Christians in towns and villages, often stuffing their bodies in wells and cellars. Churches in Russia have been torn down, turned into brothels and otherwise desecrated. Priests and preachers have been executed, driven into exile, denied food cards and ostracized.

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**T**HE LATEST volume, devoted to the subject of Christian persecution, dealing with one phase of the problem, bears the imposing title, "I WAS IN HELL WITH NIEMOELLER." The Author, a German Jewish refugee by the name of Leo Stein, is described as a "former political prisoner" who spent two years in the same concentration camp with Pastor Niemoeller.

The Author tells of seeing the persecuted preacher for the first time as a prisoner: "A few feet away sat a man whom I had not noticed before. He must be a new prisoner, I thought, and I was ready to avert my eyes. But suddenly it came to me that I had seen him somewhere before. I looked at him more closely, trying at the same time not to attract his attention. His body slouched forward, he was resting his arms on a window sill, holding his head in his hands. He looked haggard. His eyes half closed, he seemed to be suffering from exhaustion. I strained my memory in vain. I could not recognize him.

"Then, suddenly, I knew. The man was Martin Niemoeller. Now I remembered where I had seen him — in the pulpit of a church in Dahlem. He was the leading force of the German Evangelical Church. He had dared challenge Hitler."

This book shows that preachers and dictators do not get along well together! Since the democratic conception of government is a direct product of applied Christian principles, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can not be harmonized with any system of dictatorial rule. There is a fundamental reason why powerful politicians dislike powerful preachers.

Dictator technique for harrassing persons marked for destruction, is explained in these pages. Trained spies are turned loose on the victim. His every

move is watched. If he is active in public life, both his spoken and written words are scrutinized. Adversaries lay awake nights trying to think out ways to get something on him. He is allowed no privacy. His life is subjected to microscopic examination. Some flaw is found and magnified. He is hunted, tormented, publicly smeared, hailed into court. No dictator obsessed with a messianic complex, can attain power and hold it, without a secret spy system to harass and terrorize the opposition. This is shown to be the case in the Niemoeller tragedy. Dictators can not stand criticism.

But in spite of all attempts to weaken and browbeat Pastor Niemoeller into subjection, he has remained true to his convictions, a staunch oppositionist in the face of trial and torture. He is described as a man of "religious consistency" who used the "spiritual approach" in discussing "the tragic problems then confronting Church and State."

The Author testifies to similar experiences. "The Gestapo had sent a spy to my lectures . . . So far as I knew, no stealthy agent was shadowing me and trying to trap me in order to cover himself with tinsel glory. I was mistaken! Suddenly, one summer morning, while I was in the midst of a lecture, six agents of the Gestapo stormed into my classroom." Mr. Stein was arrested, branded a Communist and charged with treason. In Moabit Prison he later met Pastor Niemoeller. His book tells of their experiences, conversations and confidences.

The German government sent a


Preacher to jail for opposing the existing political regime and exercising free speech through his pen and pulpit. Christians resent and lament the persecution of this noted exponent of Gospel truth. May God succor and sustain him — is their prayer.

The suffering of this good man is regarded by believers generally, as another expression of the anti-Christ spirit, released during recent years, to thwart the Christian testimony so much hated by the powers of darkness. *While the hideous monster of persecution has appeared in this part of the world, to date the American people have no Niemoellers in concentration camps to haunt them.*

Believers all over the United States are praying that the evil of Christian persecution shall not be transferred to our shores from the countries of the Old World. Pastor Niemoeller has become a symbol of Christian heroism and endurance.

On page 62, he is quoted as saying: "The Christian faith has survived all attacks, as it will survive this. Civilization as we know it is based upon Christian doctrine and practice." The Author shows that the persecuted Preacher continues to quietly give out the Gospel message to fellow prisoners: "One could not listen to such a man as Pastor Niemoeller without feeling some agitation in the depths of his soul."

During the last war, Pastor Niemoeller was commander of a German submarine and is credited with having sent several Allied vessels to the bottom of the ocean. Today he is treated as the lowest type of criminal — simply because he insisted upon exercising the right of free speech.



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Blanche Kerr (no relation to the writer of this article) entered evangelistic work in her early teens, playing and singing for T. Edward Thomas in union meetings. Previously she had served as church pianist since the age of twelve. After a few years in revival work she became a public school teacher, but the demands for her services as pianist and soloist in evangelistic circles were so insistent that finally she yielded. She studied at the American Conservatory of Music in

Chicago, and the Indianapolis Conservatory, for varying periods between campaigns.

Mr. Brock tells the rest of the story. "Having worked together in a good many meetings while I was a student in college, we were married soon after graduation, and entered evangelistic work in earnest for full time service. I had prepared for the preaching ministry, but because of my interest in music, and because of the demand for our services in that field, we have spent most of the time singing instead of preaching. I now preach in about half of the meetings in which we are engaged. Our average number of campaigns runs from sixteen to eighteen each year. We are now booked solidly to 1943.

"Our summers are spent at Winona Lake, Indiana. For several years I served on the faculty of the Rodeheaver School of Music there. . . . We have never aspired to be 'popular' song writers. It may be that we have not done all we could, in that field. We have been quite careless about 'pushing' our song writing to the front, preferring to keep our evangelistic work uppermost."

The Brocks make their headquarters in Indianapolis.

"Mrs. Brock and I were to be in charge of a great union youth meeting in Indianapolis on Thanksgiving eve, 1934," says Mr. Brock. "Unusual preparations had been made to make the meeting a great success. On the morning of that day it began raining, the day was dark and cold, and our disappointment turned into near gloom as the clouds became thicker and lower. Remembering the poem often recited by Homer Rodeheaver, 'If You Sing A Song As You Go Along,' I began singing to myself, 'Sing the clouds away,' rather unconsciously and with no attempt to formulate a new song.

Mrs. Brock caught up the theme, went to the piano, and finished the simple little chorus which so many have enjoyed singing ever since. The new chorus was introduced at the youth meeting that night, the young people nearly 'taking the roof off' with their enthusiasm. Lunching with Mr. Rodeheaver the next day we told him about the chorus and it was soon in print.

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Over and over, in his testimony, the Gideon used the phrase, 'He's a wonderful Saviour to me!' I could not get away from his oft-repeated phrase, and early the next morning the song was written."

In 1936 a group of Christian workers were assembled at the edge of lovely Winona Lake, watching a gorgeous sunset. During the hushed conversation someone remarked, "I wonder why a sunset is so beautiful!" After a few moments of thoughtful pause someone

else replied, "No sunset would be beautiful if we did not have faith that the sun would rise again . . . if not in this world, then on a fairer shore where the sun will never go down." The conversation inspired the Brocks to produce "Beyond The Sunset" which contains the following:

Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning,  
When with our Saviour Heav'n is begun;  
Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning,  
Beyond the sunset when day is done.

## Christ And The Millennium

... A Bible Study ...

Dr. J. N. Hoover . . . Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary.

**I. PROMISES AND MANNER OF CHRIST'S RETURN:** *Matthew 24:14* "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come."

*Matthew 25:31* "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory."

*II Thessalonians 1:7-9* "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power."

**II. COMING TO THE THRONE OF DAVID:** *Luke 1:32* "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David."

*Isaiah 9:7* "Of the increase of his

government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even forever."

*Acts 2:29-30* "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne."

*Matthew 25:31* "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory."

**III. DESTRUCTION OF SATANIC KINGDOM:** *II Thessalonians 2:8* "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

*Revelation 20:1* "And saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great

chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: And after that he must be loosed a little season."

*Revelation 11:15* "There were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."

### IV. RESULTS OF REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD: *Isaiah 35:5-8*

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools shall not err therein."

*Isaiah 11:6-10* "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. Then shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the

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knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

**John 3:17** "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

**Isaiah 61:4** "And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

**Isaiah 61:11** "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations."

**Jeremiah 31:33** "I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."

## ... THE MILLENNIUM ...

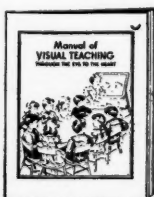
**THE MILLENNIUM** will be the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

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perfect holiness. It will be upon this innocent multitude, Satan (who is loosed from his prison) will come, and through the channel of unbelief, deceive man as he did in the beginning. With his followers he again makes war upon the Lord and His host, at which time Satan, is cast into hell. **Rev. 20:10.**

In the Millennial age, nations will exist, (**Rev. 20:8**), but they will be a part of and subject to the Kingdom of Christ (**Matt. 25:31-32**; **Rev. 11:15**). The Kingdom of this world with all of its lust, envy, war, and deceitfulness will fall, and pass away when the Prince of Peace comes in the glory of His Father to rule in righteousness. During this Millennium Christ will reign not as a mock sovereign, not as a counterfeit or toy king, but He shall be King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and peace will exist among all people.

When he who has made a wreck of every human life and filled the world with cries of bereavement, is taken from the seat of authority, and his dominion becomes the Kingdom of Christ, we shall have world peace, but until then there will be war and rumors of wars.

## These Cockeyed Communists

**COMMUNISTS** are cockeyed. Of course, if they weren't, they wouldn't be Communists. They are no less dangerous for being cockeyed, just as the criminally insane are no less dangerous for being insane; but in this editorial we shall dwell not upon their dangerousness, but upon their cockeyedness.

Consider India. India has strong leanings toward Communism and India wants to be free. If India were free, the cause of Communism would be served and as it happens, so would the cause of the allied nations. But the cockeyed American Communists who agitated for Indian freedom when they could not hope to get it, now do not want India to be free. They want, as Gandhi has said, to send an American army to India to keep India from becoming free. Cockeyed? Completely cockeyed.

Consider Burma, Java, Malaya, Hongkong. For years the Communists tried to make trouble in these colonies and now they are mad at the natives for believing what the apostles and missionaries of Communism told them. Consider Hawaii. The Communists by their shipping strikes a few years ago

did all they could to hamper the strengthening of our defenses there, but has this experience taught them anything? It has not. They are still mad at those who denounced those strikes as outrageous.

Consider America. For long years the Communists hereabouts did their level best to destroy the American government and the morale of American industry. Now the American Communists say American democracy and American industry are wonderful, but as soon as the war is over, if not before, the agitators will be back at the old stand, seeking once more to destroy both.

Cockeyed? We'll say they're cockeyed. They have been on all sides of every question. They have been for and against Hitler, against and for Britain, pro-New Deal, anti-New Deal, and again pro-New Deal, for totalitarianism and for liberty at the same time, pro-imperialist and anti-imperialist. *They have been all over the place in an exhibition of silliness that is unequaled.* And in spite of their record they continue to talk as if they alone were capable of consistent thought and as if they alone possessed integrity of character. They are so cockeyed they can't even see themselves in the mirror.

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lems have always existed, and while we may discover the right answers, we can not possibly create them.

It is therefore obvious, that the principal concern of the believer in seeking a solution for any problem, is not so much to create something new, as to recognize, realize, experience, discern and appropriate. It is encouraging to know that when confronted by any kind of a new problem, there is a way to solve it, and **WE WILL FIND THE WAY** as rapidly and as surely as we apply to it the principles of divine truth.

Our God knows the end from the beginning. Prayer does not change His will. Prayer adapts us to His will. With that accomplished, His will always operates for our highest good. This is true in both adversity and prosperity. The principle applies to every problem.

Many times in Church history, the Holy Spirit has prompted believers, far removed from one another, to work and pray toward the same objective. Great evangelistic mass movements, missionary programs and spiritual conflagrations, have been started by this means. The Welch revival, for instance, resulted from the fact that a large number of small prayer meeting groups were united by spiritual ties.

#### ... CHAIN OF PRAYER ...

It is interesting that, during recent months, a spontaneous movement toward **CONCERTED PRAYER** has risen in all parts of the United States, sponsored by widely different individuals and organizations. The trend is such as to indicate the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Ideas have taken form in so many different minds, under such varied circumstances, that the spiritually-minded observer sees in the event, factors that cannot be explained by the term "coincidence."

Immediately following the disaster at Pearl Harbor, a number of prominent Pastors, Evangelists and Religious Editors began collaborating, for the purpose of organizing a **Nationwide CHAIN OF PRAYER** . . . whereby Christians of all denominations would be asked, to the best of their ability, to spend 15 to 30 minutes each day, praying for the protection and guidance of our Country in the approaching

months.

The plan proved pre-eminently acceptable to the Christian public. Letters detailing it, were sent to more than 50,000 Pastors. Clergy and laity alike responded. Within two months, prayer Reminder Pledge Cards were printed, circulated and signed by the tens of thousands. And, as this *Defender* goes to press, praying people are being recruited in ever-increasing numbers. While an exact count is impossible, it is believed that the number of Cards actually signed, far exceeds one million.

It was with a great deal of satisfaction that leaders responsible for launching this **PRAYER CRUSADE**, later learned that similar efforts were being sponsored by others. Surely a mighty spiritual conflagration will be the eventual result.

#### ... ANOTHER CRUSADE ...

Among the more prominent programs of this type, is the one originating in the Pacific Northwest, called the "America To Prayer Crusade," under the direction of Rev. Charles M. Leaming, Mr. Harold Amundson, Mr. Harold Halvorsen and others.

Rev. Leaming, whose address is Waterloo, Iowa, says: "In January and February of this year, I was engaged in a series of revival meetings at Bethel Temple in Seattle. A year before, at Tacoma, I met Chaplain David Wilson, stationed at Fort Lewis, and was impressed by the work he was doing for the Lord among our armed forces. I also met Mr. Harold Amundson of Seattle, a splendid Christian business man. I became acquainted with work he and a group of Christians, representing several different organizations of Seattle and Tacoma, were doing.

"This fellowship, known as the Army Evangelistic Group, has been conducting an average of from three to six evangelistic services weekly for more than a year. As a result, scores of the boys have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Correspondence has been received from throughout the world, telling of their experiences and requesting prayer. A small gold cross is given to each boy accepting Christ. Thousands of Testaments have been distributed.

"It was my pleasure to be invited as guest speaker for three services at Fort Lewis. Approximately one hundred soldiers signified their desire to accept

Christ in these meetings.

"During a radio broadcast from Bethel Temple, I was suddenly inspired to ask the question, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if we knew that there was a Prayer Warrior for each member of our armed forces?' I returned to my hotel room with this thought in mind, my heart burning with an eager desire to do something about it. In the middle of the night, I arose and sketched on paper, ideas as they came to my mind. In a day or so I told Mr. Amundson of the experience, showed him the plan and immediately it caught fire."

#### ... COMMENDATORY STATEMENTS ...

From this humble beginning, the "America To Prayer Crusade" gathered rapid momentum, and has now become a constructive Gospel force of Nationwide proportions. I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. Leaming, in which he says: "A couple of weeks ago it was my privilege to be in the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D. C., Brigadier General W. R. Arnold, who has also approved the movement and become a member. The headquarters of the Crusade is in Seattle, at present, but will be changed to Waterloo very soon."

The following excerpts from commendatory letters, addressed to Rev. Leaming by Chaplains and leaders of America's armed forces, reflect the feeling of Christians generally, as to the importance of **SPIRITUAL MOBILIZATION**, at this time, when the destiny of our Country is hanging in the balances.

M. C. Pugsley, Lt. Col. Medical Corps, Commanding Officer: "The program of the 'America To Prayer Crusade' presented to me through Chaplain David H. Wilson, calling for a civilian prayer warrior for every man of the Armed Forces — 'A million men, a million prayers' — causes me to believe that you hold in your hand a powerful weapon for regaining the peace and security of our nation. I heartily endorse such a program."

Chaplain David H. Wilson, Ass't. Third Division Chaplain: "The launching of the 'America To Prayer Crusade' is truly a God inspired undertaking.

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# DEFENDERS MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

## Sowing and Reaping

**SUSI**, David Livingstone's native helper, entered a little grass hut on the night of May 1, 1873, to find that the noted missionary explorer had departed this life while in prayer. David Livingstone died on his knees.

Beneath a mvula tree, beside Lake Ilala in the interior of Africa, lies the heart of that intrepid hero of the Cross. His body was carried on the shoulders of faithful converts to the distant coast, and thence conveyed to rest in England's Westminster Abbey. Into this great field, opened by a man of one purpose, have come others, to lighten its darkness with the beams of Gospel light, bringing freedom to captive souls and hope to the despairing.

It was in the spring of 1872 that Henry M. Stanley was sent out by the New York Herald to find Livingstone who had been falsely reported dead. After a difficult journey, Stanley succeeded in his quest. So impressed was the newspaperman by the exploits of the missionary, that he departed with the thought of some day continuing the great work.

For months the two men faced dangers from starvation, tropical storms, insects, wild animals and fierce tribes, as they explored rivers and mapped their courses. In August, 1877, as Stanley left the mighty Congo, he said, "I felt my heart suffused with purest gratitude to Him who had protected us, and who had enabled us to pierce the Dark Continent from East to West, and to trace its mightiest river to its ocean bourne."

Into areas thus opened, came other pioneer missionaries. Through dangers unsurpassed, at times enduring seeming defeat, often facing death, these brave

men, undaunted by calamity, continued with their labors. They knew but one watchword, "*Forward is the order, and with God's help forward we will go*".

The Livingstone Inland Mission, with truly consecrated zeal, later turned the work over to the American Baptist Missionary Union when they found it impossible to accomplish the original aim. Their dream was to establish a chain of stations reaching far into the interior. Since then, many other bodies of Christian believers have sent chosen men and women to the field, faithful servants who counted it a joy to lay down their lives in behalf of the negro race, so long in heathen darkness.

The religion of Africa is Fetichism. The Witch Doctor or Medicine Man is both doctor and exorcist, in this system of demon worship. The lives of the people are entirely under his control. He makes hideous charms and strange noises, allegedly to protect tribal members from evil spirits, and to cure diseases. He holds his victims in chains of superstition and despair.

There is but one power on earth capable of overcoming these demon agencies of darkness, and that is Light from the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ entering benighted hearts and minds. Therefore, the first work of the missionary is to expose the Satanic falsity of the Witch Doctor, and no agency has proved more potent, in this connection, than the medical missionary. When the people realize that the white man is better qualified to relieve suffering than the Witch Doctor, the tide turns and they are ready to listen. The great Livingstone made this discovery.

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**L**IKE the farmer who sows grain in his field, heroic missionaries have planted Gospel seed in all parts of the Dark Continent. Tares have, in many instances, retarded growth. Obstacles almost insurmountable have hindered constructive effort. But, in spite of hardships, the cause of Christian truth has advanced.

The words of Paul may be appropriately applied: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God."

While white men and women carried the message to the colored masses, it is an encouraging fact that native congregations under native leadership, have since been established in many sections. This is especially true of Liberia, where the Defenders Movement has succeeded remarkably well, in pioneering new fields for the Lord and Master.

It was during the days of the first World War that William Wade Harris, the noted native preacher of West Africa, placed his hands upon the head of a young man of the Kru tribes and said: "Paul Revere, God has shown me that after I am gone, you are the one anointed to carry on my work."

The young negro, a converted son of a Witch Doctor, who knelt on jungle soil that day, to be anointed by the aged Harris, has since become a flaming Evangel among his people.

Paul Nyecka Revere later made his way to the United States, and after completing strenuous courses in Christian training, was commissioned by the Defenders Movement in February, 1933, to return as a missionary to his beloved

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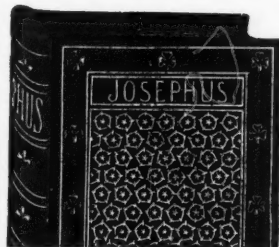
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Liberia. Since then, despite barriers, a successful Missionary program has developed from the capital city of Monrovia, with lines of service reaching into vast areas never before touched by the regenerating influence of the Gospel.

Many who read these words will never be called to go as missionaries to remote parts of the earth, but through prayer, tithes and offerings, everyone can help make it possible for others to go. *"Every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor."*

## Spanish Missions

**D**URING the year 1935, a book was published entitled "Old Churches of San Juan." Some of the most historic and striking exhibitions of religious architecture in the world are to be found in San Juan — the Capital City of Puerto Rico.

The oldest Church in the western hemisphere still stands. A sight, which most tourists are anxious to visit, it symbolizes early attempts to convert the native Indians, the black slaves imported from Africa, and the Spanish settlers from Europe.

Puerto Rico, being one of the most densely populated spots in the world, offers a tremendous missionary challenge. This mission field is a paradox for the reason that, although a possession of the United States, yet it beckons with outstretched arms, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." A tour of the Island convinces the Christian traveler, that despite the fact of Old Glory flying there, the majority of the people are in desperate need of the Gospel.

The Defenders Movement has done much to meet this need. Cuba offers a similar challenge, and Readers of the Defender Magazine have, over a period of years, helped in effective ways on that field. Dr. J. F. Rodriguez is Superintendent of the Puerto Rican field. Rev. Arthur Pain, Pastor of the International Church of the Air, receives regular help through Defender channels in Cuba. Let Christians pray for these two great missionary statesmen and the splendid work in which they are engaged.

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With our Nation in the throes of this international crisis, prayer is our weapon and faith in God our victory, in bringing back to us security and peace in the 'land of the free and the home of the brave.'

Chaplain Omer Idso: "Of all the movements that have had their genesis in a free country such as ours, to my mind, none has been more timely and needed than the 'America To Prayer Crusade.' We cannot emerge victorious out of these dark days by means of material weapons of war alone, but by a national return to God through prayer, consecration and begging forgiveness for our own national sins, which is the objective of this prayer Crusade."

... DR. SWAIN'S WORK ...

Dr. Sam Swain is National Director of another highly effective movement of comparatively recent origin, known as the "National Spiritual Defense Crusade."

Animated by altruistic motives, operating according to a carefully mapped program, conducting its affairs on conservative lines, the new organization has already called a large number of praying folk to its support. Headquarters for the undertaking have been established at 314 South Main St., Akron, Ohio.

Dr. Swain and his helpers have created an attractive emblem — a gold cross in the center of a circle, with the words, "Spiritual Defense. . . Home and Country" properly placed to focus quick attention upon their objectives. The organization has had a special edition of New Testament manufactured for boys in the service. Stickers for windows and windshields are being distributed. Large quantities of literature go out each day from Akron. Pulpit and radio are likewise being used. Mass meetings and evangelistic campaigns are being sponsored.

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But above all Dr. Swain is calling his constituency to constant prayer, that the arm of God shall be moved and the creative power of the Holy Spirit released. I have just received a letter from him, in which he says: "I am very much concerned over the fact that the Communistic elements are using the war effort to further their un-American program in America. The Gospel is the only remedy. We are with you Dr. Winrod, to the limit of our strength, in defending Christ's cause. The work of our Crusade has grown more rapidly than we ever expected. We have distributed Testaments in 16 States and Panama, to bombing squads in London and Australia, and some found their way into Bataan. The Lord is blessing to the salvation of many souls."

... UNITED IN PRAYER ...

Many other lines of work devoted to Spiritual Mobilization, are deserving of mention in this article, but space forbids. However, attention must be called to the magnificent evangelistic ministry of Rev. Raymond T. Richey, whose Red, White and Blue tent is described on the back page of this Defender. The Richey Evangelistic Party has had the joy of seeing hundreds of precious boys walk down the isles of this Canvas Cathedral to embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

It is indeed significant that all of these movements, being launched in different parts of the Country, should be placing major emphasis upon one thing — PRAYER. In other periods, mighty spiritual tides have been created when the Holy Spirit has placed the burden of prayer upon the hearts of Christian people. Let believers everywhere exercise limitless faith in believing God, for the protection of our Country, our Homes, our Churches, our Liberties, our Boys . . . trusting the Heavenly Father to purge from us everything that might tend, in any way, to keep His will from operating for our highest good!

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Phil Kerr's Defender articles about Famous Living Hymn Writers are being followed with interest by thousands of Readers. His travels in all parts of America, and fifteen years evangelistic experience, have given him an insight into the type of Gospel songs most valuable to "special" singers. Although the new book contains many numbers adapted for congregational use, emphasis has been placed upon "specials," as solos, duets, quartets and ladies' trios. Each song is woven around some definite spiritual truth.

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moves through the pages of this breath taking volume.

"Unto You Is Given To Know" appears to be an appropriate title, since only spiritually illuminated souls, led by the Holy Spirit, could hope to ferret out the workings of such a "Mystery of Iniquity." The Red Dragon of the centuries, working through evil people, prompted the cry of those, who shouted from the shadow of the Cross: "His blood be on us, and on our children." The same evil force animated the horde that stoned Stephen, killed the apostles, attacked the Church in its infancy, and whose descendants are today persecuting Bible-believing Christians.

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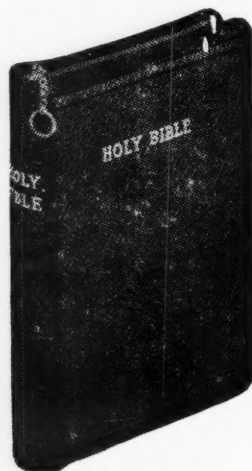
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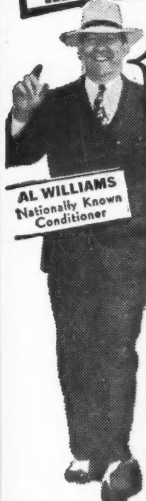
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## The Task Committed To The Disciples

... June 21 ...

Mathew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:49-53.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Death makes no break in memory. Before He went to the Cross, Jesus made an appointment to meet His disciples at a certain time and place. They were there, looking for Him, and He did not disappoint them. He satisfied them quickly as to His identity, authority and program.

"But some doubted." The cause of the doubt must have been questions in their minds, whether this was really their Lord, triumphant over the tomb (cf. Luke 24:41). They were by no means swift to accept the stupendous fact of their Master's resurrection. They did not become fully convinced until varied and multiplied evidence had reached them. This makes their final testimony the more valuable.

We, today, have greater reason to believe, since no falsehood could endure nineteen centuries of questioning and meticulous examination. We also have, in a particular way, something the disciples had not yet experienced — namely illumination of the Holy Spirit continually with us. I Cor. 2:12-16.

"All authority . . . given unto Me." Who dares to make this amazing claim? "ALL authority," embracing everything over which dominion can be exercised; and that not only "upon earth," which would be an authority overwhelming in extensiveness, but also "in

heaven." We lose ourselves in attempting to understand what is encompassed in such a scope of authority: No human being, in his senses, ever made such a claim; nor did Jesus until He had demonstrated His power over death and the grave.

He taught in a way that made everyone feel He had authority (Matthew 7:29), thus commanding respect of even His adversaries (Matthew 21:23-27). He had this authority with God before the world was made (John 17:7; Col. 1:16), but relinquished it in order to redeem man from sin (II Corinthians 8:9). Then after the resurrection, it was restored to Him in completeness (Philippians 2:5-11).

The Great Commission demands personal participation on the part of all disciples: "Go ye." No follower of Christ is exempt from service. Every Christian has been drafted by the King of kings.

The field of work is indicated: "All nations." The work to be done is defined: First, "Make disciples," by winning men and women to Christ. Second, "Baptize them," thus uniting them in the work and worship of the Lord. Third, "Teach them," thereby leading them into complete and continual obedience to Christ.

Finally, the Commission is crowned with the promise of the Lord's presence unto the end of the age. Those who are won must win others. Those evangelized must evangelize. Those taught must teach.

## Alcohol Facts Verses Drinking Propaganda

... June 28 ...

Proverbs 21:17; 23:32; Isaiah 5:20-23; Hosea 4:11; Joel 3:2-3; Ephesians 5:18.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Prov. 1:10.

(1) Drink wastes money. While Proverbs 21:17 does not strictly prohibit pleasure, wine and oil, it voices

a solemn warning that the man who sets his heart on these things is doomed to poverty. Anything that brings one to a state of want and gives no permanent joy must be catalogued as a curse. Not only poverty in material things is anticipated, but dearth in matters of the spirit result from wrong behavior.

(2) Drink poisons men. "At the last." In Proverbs 23:32 we find three momentous words. The danger of a serpent is in the poison released through its fangs. The danger from intoxicating liquor is in the poison which lies within it. Continued drinking of such liquors finally causes acute alcoholism, or delirium tremens, characterized by tremor of hands and tongue, accompanied with hallucinations involving the appearance of snakes and other unspeakable creatures.

Could young people properly evaluate the future, scarcely would they begin habits whose ultimate end is destruction of mind, body and soul. "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12.

The Road of the Sparkling Cup is undeniably such a way. The start of the journey is easy and pleasant. The trains are Streamliners with no stop overs or delays. The grade becomes steeper and the speed increases. Once passage is booked, you are not likely to get off until the end of the line is reached . . . and you are plunged into disaster.

(3) Drink wrecks society. Isaiah 5:20-23 provides a picture of the arrogance, misinterpretation and dishonesty which accompany the use and sale of alcohol. The innocent poor are mistreated while the criminal rich escape justice. Three woes are pronounced: First upon those who are determined to sin because their moral judgment has been perverted by strong drink; Second those who are so clever in their own estimation that they smile at warnings; and Third, those who, occupying positions of public trust, boast of the amount they can drink.

(4) Drink warps understanding. Hosea 4:11, in Moffat's Translation says: "Liquor and lust deprive them of their wits." Drunkenness and licentiousness.

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ousness make people stupid and senseless. Man, made "a little lower than the angels," is a noble creature. But in violating the law of God, he brings himself down to beast level, and is unable to think, talk, act, work or live in a normal way. Lewdness and drinking go together. Where strong drink is served, looseness of morals will be noted. Saloons have always been open doors to brothels.

(5) *Drink brings nations to destruction.* Joel 3:2, 3 pictures the final end of all nations. A people which forgets that "righteousness exalteth a nation,

but sin is a reproach to any people," which advances to positions of power, men who "are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink," can expect to reap the bitter harvest. Joel 3:13. May God give America sober, Christian leadership!

(6) *Drink Withers men spiritually.* Ephesians 5:18 tells us that in drunkenness there is excess. It is an intoxication which debases and destroys. But there is another filling which inspires and ennobles. To be filled with the Spirit, means that the Holy Spirit takes possession of the entire being, and brings forth spiritual fruit — Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Meekness, Faithfulness and Self Control.

### God The Creator

... July 5 ...

Genesis 1:1-5; 24-31; 2:1

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

The first verse of Genesis, contains the only authentic account man possesses about the beginning of the heavens and the earth. The word "create" in the Hebrew, means a divine effort bringing into existence something which had not previously existed.

This word is never used in connection with human effort, for man cannot create. Whatever finite beings produce, must come from materials already in existence — which men mold or modify for personal use. We find this royal word used three times, in the first chapter of Genesis. To "create," literally means "to make without the use of pre-existing materials."

In verse 2, Rotherham's translation tells us: "The earth had become wild and waste, and darkness was upon the face of the roaring deep." The American Standard Revision says it was

"waste and void." These two words are used in Jeremiah 4:23-27 to describe God's judgment upon sin.

From Isaiah 45:18 we learn that God did not create the world a waste, but formed it to be inhabited. Job 38:4-7 indicates it was a glorious creation, for "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." It is therefore evident that judgment came upon the earth *after* its original creation.

The best of scientific knowledge indicates that the earth must have passed through a great cataclysm prior to the appearance of men. Herein lies the explanation of geological ages and varying phenomena. How and why such a condition came to exist, science cannot tell and Scripture is silent.

It must follow that the "days" of Genesis do not give an account of the original creation, but refers rather to the remodeling of the earth as the house of man. Hence the divine decree: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

The Eternal Trinity brought order out of chaos. In the experience through which the original earth passed, we have a replica of the work accomplished in the hearts of men, when by the miracle of regeneration, the Holy Spirit dispels darkness and brings peace out of confusion caused by sin.

In the story of the creation of man, there are three things to be noted: First, the statement that man is the last and highest of created beings, with which science is in full accord. Second, reference to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit counseling together — "Let us make man in our image." How marvelously important is man, "For Thou hast made him a little lower than God," Psalms 8:5, (American Standard Version). Third, the fact that the members of the Trinity worked in unison, indicating intellectual, emotional, volitional and moral likeness to God.

Man's physical form was made from the dust of the earth, but his soul was inbreathed by the Eternal God. Perfection was his, until sin entered the human heart. There is but one way for man to regain the lost estate of life eternal . . . and that is through the Second Perfect Man: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

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## Adam And Eve: Temptation And Sin

... July 12 ...

Genesis 3:1-13, 23, 24

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4.

Sin was introduced into Eden and the earth by Satan, through the agency of the serpent which was then comely in its unfallen state, unhated by man and more subtle than any other beast of the field.

What was the motive that animated Satan in bringing about this tragedy? He desired permanent control of the earth, over which man, then recently created, had been given dominion.

Satan's first act was to raise a doubt of God's love. "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" implying "Why should He limit man in this way?" All doubt began with Satan.

The second stage was the lie by this father of lies, "Ye shall not surely die." Satan was the first liar, the first murderer, the first hypocrite. Next he inspired Adam and Eve with an unholy ambition, "Ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil." Ah, there is Satan's ambition, to be as God!

Satan imputed to God an unwillingness for men to become like Himself ... when the truth is, God actually desires human beings to conform to His image. (Gen. 1:26-27; II Cor. 3:18; Romans 8:29). The devil himself fell through ambition to usurp God's place Ezek. 28:2-9; II Thess. 2:4; cf. Dan. 4:30; Acts 12:22-23). He tempted man where he himself fell! Note carefully — Satan always approaches through these roads, (1) doubt of God's love, (2) doubt of God's Word, and (3) kindling of unholy ambition.


Guilt followed hard upon the first sin. In their dearly bought knowledge, Adam and Eve realized their nakedness, the moral and spiritual far more than the physical. Vainly they sought to hide themselves, but fig-leaf aprons could not cover an outraged conscience.

Adam said he had eaten forbidden fruit because of Eve's persuasion ... but really placed the blame on God, for he spoke of Eve as the woman whom the Creator gave him. The woman, in turn, tried to blame the whole affair upon the serpent.

Judgment came quickly upon the sinners. By this act Eden was spoiled, mankind alienated from God, and the penalty of physical and spiritual death incurred. Yet a Saviour was promised before punishment was pronounced. Thus, Mercy arose with her atoning Cross instantly, and on the very spot where Justice took his stand with Flaming Sword.

When Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die," he tried to turn Eve's eyes away from the penalty. If a person believes evil will not be punished, then fear is removed and the greatest deterrent against sin loses its restraining power. Eccl. 8:11.

The punishment for sin is death. Death of the body, yes, (Gen. 3:19; Romans 5:12-14), but this is not the only death that results from disobedience to God (Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13; I Tim. 5:6; Rev. 21:8). Death, in every sense of the word, is the result of sin (Romans 6:23). It came upon the race as a consequence of this first sin (Romans 5:12), demonstrating that no one ever injures himself alone through sinning. But Christ, the second Adam, brought back life to all who lost it through the first Adam (I Cor. 15:22).



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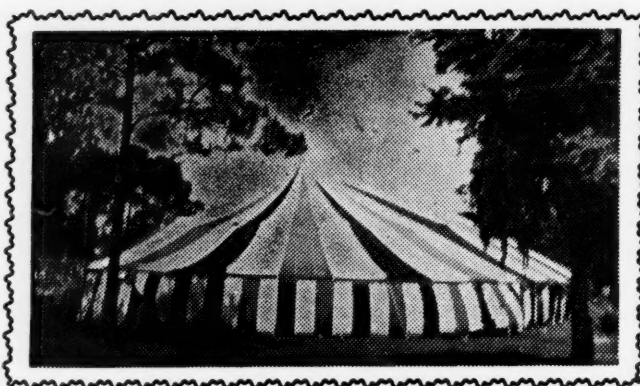
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